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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Plague in Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, *March 12, 1901.*

SIR: I regret having to report the outbreak of plague in this city, as contained in my telegram of 8th ultimo, which I now confirm, the number of cases reported officially up to March 9 being 100, with 27 deaths, and from later reports appears to be spreading, fresh cases occurring daily.

The government is isolating all cases, as well as suspects and contacts, at a quarantine station about 5 miles outside the city, and are doing all it possibly can to stamp out the disease.

On the 26th instant, at the request and expense of several shipmasters who were leaving and about to leave for the United States, I sent you the telegram, as per inclosure No. 2, and have to thank you for your reply thereto, which I duly communicated to them.

I inclose, for the Department's information, copies of correspondence received from the colonial secretary's department, relative to the outbreak; also, copies of government notice with reference to the outbreak in the district of King Williams Town (see dispatch No. 304, dated November 28, 1900), where, I am pleased to report, the disease has been stamped out.

Respectfully,

C. H. KNIGHT,

Vice and Deputy Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRAZIL.

Vital statistics of Bahia for November, 1900.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *March 1, 1901.*

SIR: I beg leave to inclose herewith a compilation from the official sanitary report and statistics for the month of November, 1900.

Respectfully,

H. W. FURNISS,

United States Consul.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

Maximum temperature.....	30° C.	Cases of infectious diseases— <i>Cont'd.</i>	
Minimum temperature.....	24.5° C.	Lepers in hospital end of last month	16
Average temperature.....	27.44° C.	Male.....	12
Average relative humidity.....	85.59°	Female.....	4
Rainfall	18 mm.	Left hospital during month.....	0
Rainy days.....	4	Entered during month.....	0
Prevailing winds.....	NE., N., NW.	Died during month.....	0
Cases of infectious diseases—		Births, alive—	
Yellow fever.....	0	Male.....	33
Smallpox.....	0	Female.....	32

Vital statistics of Bahia for November, 1900—Continued.

Births, alive— <i>Continued.</i>		Causes of deaths— <i>Continued.</i>	
Legitimate.....	31	Yellow fever.....	0
Illegitimate.....	34	Asthma	3
Births, stillborn.....	27	Bright's disease	4
Marriages	40	Bronchitis	13
Deaths—		Carcinoma	5
Male.....	160	Cerebral hemorrhage and congestion	14
Female.....	153	Croup.....	1
Nationality—		Diabetes	1
African	14	Diarrhea and dysentery	32
Brazilian.....	295	Diseases of circulatory system	26
French.....	1	Elephantiasis	0
Portuguese	2	Influenza	1
Paraguayan	1	Malarial fevers.....	18
Causes of death—		Meningitis.....	4
Beriberi	6	Nephritis.....	6
Diphtheria	2	Pneumonia	8
Enteric fever.....	5	Syphilis	2
Hydrophobia.....	0	Tetanus	1
Leprosy	1	Tetanus neonatorum	9
Scorbutus	0	Tuberculosis, pulmonary	49
Measles	4	Tuberculosis, other	3
Smallpox.....	0	Other causes.....	97
Typhus fever.....	0		

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Cholera on the steamship Cheung Chew from Singapore.

HONGKONG, CHINA, March 5, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended March 2, 1901:

The number of steerage passengers has greatly fallen off during the past two weeks because of the Chinese holiday season.

The work at the disinfecting stations during the week consisted in bathing 293 individuals and disinfecting 280 pieces of baggage.

Steamers of the San Francisco lines occasionally call at Macao to take on cargo for the United States. As there is no consul or medical officer at that port, it was thought necessary to accompany one of these steamers for the purpose of observing the character of cargo and the communication with the city. Dr. Hough's arrival made it possible for me to accompany the steamship *Hongkong Maru* which left this port at daylight March 4. After a two-hour run the steamer came to an anchorage 8 miles off shore, where a junk, containing a cargo of opium, was awaiting the steamer. Opium is the only kind of cargo taken from Macao and is loaded at that port because of certain restrictions in this colony.

The cargo is small, is handled by the ship's crew, and, in my opinion, there is no danger of introducing contagion aboard the steamer in this way. No passengers are allowed to board the steamer at this port, two passengers aboard having told me that they were refused that privilege at the company's office in Hongkong.

Macao is well located and quite clean for a city with so large a Chinese population. The streets are narrow, but well paved and clean. The water supply is largely derived from town wells and would appear to be a source of typhoid and gastro-intestinal diseases.

The sanitary reports of Hongkong for the past week show 7 cases of plague and 6 deaths, 9 cases of smallpox and 7 deaths, and 3 cases of